

UTAH SPORTS AUTHORITY
PETE SUAZO UTAH ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES

July 9, 2008

10:00 a.m. (1 hr., 6 min, 50 sec.)

Attending: Chairman: Alan Dayton, Commissioners: Rich Montanez, Ty McCartney and Taylor Leavitt, Secretary: Bill Colbert and guests, Rich Montoya (manager), Mike Stidham (UCE), Jeremy Horn (Elite Fight Night), Griffen Reynaud (Throwdown), David Putvin (Throwdown)

Alan called the meeting to order.

Per Diem sheets were signed.

Guests signed in.

Rich made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2008. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Public Comments

New Promoter Application – Mark Burnett Productions, Los Angeles, CA.

Bill received the application July 8 for Bully Beat Down. The background check will be coming. A number of applications and letters of reference were also received. All contestants, referees, judges and seconds will be licensed with the PSUAC. The promoter will be expected to follow all the rules of the PSUAC.

Taylor made the motion to approve the application for Mark Burnett Productions. Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Currently Approved Events

Elite Fight Night Mixed Martial Arts - Saturday, July 12; 7:00 p.m., South Town Exposition Center, Sandy

Ultimate Combat Experience (UCE) MMA - Saturday, August 23; 7:00 p.m., Western Park Convention Center, Vernal

IS Promotions - Saturday, August 16; 7:00 p.m., Ogden Stadium, Ogden

Xtreme Combat - Saturday, August 23, 2008; 7:00 p.m., Blackhawk Arena, Salina

Withdrawn Event

IS Promotions - Saturday, August 23, 2008; 7:00 p.m., Logan

New Event Requests

UCE MMA - Saturday, July 12; 7:00 p.m., Club Elevate, Salt Lake City
Friday, July 18; 8:00 p.m., Ft. Douglas (over age 18, under age 21 event)
Saturday, August 2; 7:00 p.m., Club Elevate, Salt Lake City
Saturday, August 9; 7:00 p.m., Club Elevate, Salt Lake City
Saturday, August 16; 7:00 p.m., Club Elevate, Salt Lake City
Saturday, August 30; 7:00 p.m., Club Elevate, Salt Lake City

Elite Fight Night MMA - Saturday, August 23; 7:00 p.m., South Town Exposition Center, Sandy

IS Promotions - Saturday, September 6; 7:00 p.m.; Brigham City
Saturday, October 4; 7:00 p.m., Logan

Mark Burnett Productions Exhibition Contest - Thursday, July 31, Salt Lake City (filming of their private event)

Throwdown Elite - Saturday, September 26; 7:00 p.m., McKay Event Center, Utah Valley University, Orem

Double Deuce Promotions Boxing - Saturday, August 30, 2008; 7:00 p.m., Davis Convention Center, Layton – nothing in writing has been received yet

Bill sent an e-mail to all promoters to complete applications vs. e-mail requests for events and to log the application receipt date. Some promoters have requested date changes which may stress the commission in the event of supporting multiple future events.

Rich made the motion to approve all new event requests with the exception of Double Deuce until completed application is received. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) Annual Meeting Summary and Recommendations

Adopted Amateur MMA and Professional MMA Unified Rules

Recommend the commission adopt the following protocols:

- a. Replace “Utah Modified Unified Rules” with ABC adopted “Amateur MMA Rules” for future “novice” contests

Bill suggests the PSUAC adopt the ABC’s Amateur MMA Rules in place of the Utah Modified Unified Rules. There was much discussion on this point. Alan asked Bill to contact Representative Hughes to open a bill file and talk to the Legislative General Council to get a bill

drafted. The PSUAC will re-assign the bill with someone other than Representative Hughes, run it through an interim committee and get it passed at the beginning of the session with an immediate effective date.

- b. Adopt ABC “MMA Professional Unified Rules” for “experienced” MMA contests

Ty made the motion to adopt the ABC MMA Professional Unified Rules. Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NJ Commission and others have proposed new guidance for MMA hand wrapping:

- a. Allow knuckles to be covered
- b. Permit the use of surgeon’s adhesive tape and soft cotton gauze
- c. Prohibit the use of Coban™ Self-Adherent Wrap or similar products

There was some discussion regarding Coban™. Bill will poll other commissions to ask why they prohibit Coban™. At this time, the PSUAC will maintain its existing guidance.

Post-fight meeting with judges and referee(s) is encouraged after controversial decisions.

National MMA contestant identification card and database

Event procedural changes

Bill indicated the PSUAC will begin using red, blue and black colored duct tape as the last wrap on the glove at the wrist to identify the corner of a fighter

Open Discussion – No Action to be Taken

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Bill announced today’s public hearing at noon for the proposed rule changes.

Ty made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.